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Rep. Bielawa Encourages Residents to Attend Hearing on State Taxes



Informational Hearing to be Held in Danbury on November 3

State Rep. Hank Bielawa, R-2nd, today announced the Legislature's Program Review and Investigations

Committee will hold a hearing in Danbury on Thursday, November 3 to elicit information and views in regard to its current study of Connecticut's tax system. It will be held at Danbury Council Chambers, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, beginning at 7 p.m.

Rep. Bielawa noted the hearing will provide local residents an excellent opportunity to have direct input on any proposed reforms. It will be one of only three hearings regarding the study to be held outside of Hartford, the others being conducted in Hamden and Groton.

"This is good news for people in our area who would like to express their opinions on how the tax structure should be changed," said Rep. Bielawa. "The hearing is scheduled at a time more convenient for people than most legislative hearings and they can also avoid having to drive to Hartford. I'm hopeful we see a strong turnout."

The first phase of the study will examine the state and local tax structure to determine how well the system performs based upon naturally recognized criteria. Depending on the outcome of the first phase and the desire of the committee, the second phase may examine various alternatives for change, their potential benefits and drawbacks and how different options might impact different taxpayers in the state.